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TO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CLOSURE OF THREE PINE TREE STATIONS

1. CANADIAN EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED USG WITH COPY OF DRAFT NOTE RELATING TO CANADIAN INTENTION TO CLOSE THREE PINE TREE STATIONS IN ONTARIO (ARMSTRONG, FOYMOUNT, AND RAYMORE). EMBASSY WILL RECALL THAT THIS SUBJECT WAS MENTIONED BY CANADIANS IN DEFENSE BRIEFING GIVEN SEPTEMBER 4 IN OTTAWA. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE:

BEGIN TEXT

SIR, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA SET OUT IN THE EXCHANGES OF NOTES OF AUGUST 1, 1951 AND JUNE 12, 1961, REGARDING THE COST AND OPERATION OF THE CONTINENTAL RADAR DEFENCE SYSTEM WITHIN CANADA. I ALSO HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO A MEETING IN OTTAWA ON SEPTEMBER 4 DURING WHICH UNITED STATES OFFICIALS WERE INFORMED OF CANADIAN POLICY DECISIONS RELATING TO THE FINANCING OF CANADA'S DEFENCE PROGRAMME AND OF SEVERAL CONSEQUENT ADJUSTMENTS IN THE PROGRAMME. ONE OF THE ADJUSTMENTS INVOLVES THE CLOSING OF CERTAIN RADAR STA-
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TIONS OF THE EXTENSION OF THE CONTINENTAL RADAR DEFENCE

SYSTEM KNOWN AS THE PINE TREE LINE.

ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH
TWO OF THE CANADIAN NOTE OF AUGUST 1, 1951 I HAVE THE
HONOUR TO PROPOSE THAT OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ENTER INTO AN
AGREEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

A. THE STATIONS LOCATED AT ARMSTRONG, FOYMOUNT
AND RAYMORE, ALL IN ONTARIO, WILL BE OPERA-
TIONALLY CLOSED DOWN IN APRIL 1974 AND BE
TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE COMPLETELY IN SEPTEM-
BER 1974;

B. DETAILED AND AGREED ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEACTIVATION PRO-
GRAMME WILL BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE APPRO-
PRIATE AUTHORITIES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS;
AND

C. THE DISPOSITION OF EXCESS UNITED STATES
PROPERTY AT THE SITES WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF OUR TWO GOVERN-
MENTS OF AUGUST 28, 1961, AND SEPTEMBER 1,
1961, CONCERNING THE DISPOSAL OF UNITED STATES
EXCESS PROPERTY IN CANADA.

ACCORDINGLY, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO SUGGEST THAT IF THE
FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT, THIS NOTE AND
YOUR REPLY TO THAT EFFECT SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH SHALL
ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DATE OF YOUR REPLY. PLEASE
ACCEPT, SIR, THE RENEWED ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CON-
SIDERATION. END TEXT

2. DOD AND STATE ARE REVIEWING TEXT AND WILL PROVIDE
EMBASSY GUIDANCE FOR DISCUSSION WITH CANADIAN AUTHORI-
TIES IN OTTAWA. RUSH

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